

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SECURITY POSTURE FOR JOINT SESSION

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the authorities vested in the Speaker of the House by law and the Rules of the House of Representatives, commencing at 5:00 PM on April 28, 2021 and ending at 11:59 PM on April 28, 2021, the corridors and passages of the Capitol under control of the House shall be restricted to those Members and staff who have an office in the House wing of the Capitol, invited Members, and individuals who possess the appropriate credentials for presence in the Capitol as issued by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives, and those who are issued a credential in support of the joint ceremonial session. The Office of the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives and the United States Capitol Police shall deny admittance to the Capitol except to those listed above.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF PASTOR JOHN DAVID NUGENT

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the faithful service of John David Nugent as he retires from his role of nearly 25 years as lead pastor at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Jasper, Texas. Under Pastor Nugent's leadership, the Hillcrest family has grown tremendously from 617 to 1,632 church members. Pastor Nugent's time at Hillcrest Baptist has also seen the construction and completion of a new campus for the church to call home.

Prior to his time at Hillcrest, Pastor Nugent became licensed in ministry in 1973 and was ordained on September 16, 1979, at Central Baptist Church in Monroe, Louisiana, where he served as associate pastor from 1977 until 1981. He would later go on to serve as pastor at First Baptist Church in Lone Pine, Louisiana; New Zion Baptist Church in Oak Grove, Louisiana; and First Baptist Church in Spurter, Texas, before making the move to Jasper.

Over the years, Pastor Nugent has held influential roles with the Sabine Valley Association, New Bethel Association, Bayou Macon Association, and Louisiana Association.

For nearly a half century, Pastor Nugent has been a steadfast servant of God and tirelessly devoted to furthering His kingdom. He has selflessly dedicated his time as pastor to improving the lives of his congregants, strengthening his community, and spreading the word of the Lord to all who would listen. It is no

wonder why he is held in high regard by all who know him. Madam Speaker, I honor and thank my friend, Pastor Nugent, for his years of dutiful service.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR BOB GOLDEN

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding contributions of Bob Golden to his community, state, and nation. As the outgoing Mayor of Haslet, Texas, he has served in his current position with distinction since May 2009. As he retires from public life, it is my privilege to recognize his noteworthy accomplishments.

Mayor Golden began a career in public service through his commissioning as a Navy Ensign following his graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1966. During his active duty service, he flew F-4 Phantoms off the USS *John F. Kennedy*. After additional service in the Naval Reserve, he retired at the rank of captain in June 1996, whereupon he and his wife, Kathleen, moved to Haslet.

Prior to his election mayor in May 2009, Mayor Golden served for several years on both the Haslet Planning and Zoning and Parks and Recreation boards. Under his mayoral leadership, the economic tax base of Haslet was significantly expanded through the attraction, building, and operation of a 1.1 million square-foot Amazon electronic order fulfillment center.

Mayor Golden has effectively also overseen the decade-long planning and development of critically necessary improvements to Haslet's infrastructure, including the Haslet Parkway Project, which broadens a busy thoroughfare in the city into a four-lane divided highway along with augmented water and sewer lines. The project, which broke ground in March 2021, is projected to drastically improve truck movements and future logistics operations at Alliance Airport. It is one of Mayor Golden's most valuable contributions to Haslet, and the city's citizens and businesses will positively benefit from the project's fruition.

As Bob Golden completes his final mayoral term, I am honored to recognize and thank him for his decades of selfless devotion as a dedicated public servant. Best wishes in all his future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOLITION AND ECONOMIC AND ENERGY CONVERSION ACT OF 2021

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Economic and Energy Conversion Act of 2021, a version of which I have introduced since 1994, after working with the District of Columbia residents who were responsible for the Nuclear Disarmament and Economic Conversion ballot initiative passed by D.C. voters in 1993. My bill still requires the United States to sign and ratify an international agreement to disable and dismantle America's nuclear weapons, to provide for strict control of fissile material and radioactive waste and to use nuclear-free energy. In lieu of joining such an agreement, this version of the bill also gives the United States the option to ratify the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (Treaty). Many nations have already signed the Treaty. The Treaty was drafted by the United Nations in conferences in March and July of 2017, which is why I did not include it in my previous bills. According to the United Nations, the Treaty is "a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination." I am pleased by the international progress on this important issue.

The bill continues to provide that the funds used for nuclear weapons be redirected to human and infrastructure needs, such as housing, health care, Social Security, restoring the environment, and creating carbon-free, nuclear-free energy. The conversion to a peace economy would occur when the President certifies to Congress that all countries possessing nuclear weapons have begun elimination under an international treaty or other legal agreement.

Our country still has a long list of urgent domestic needs that have been put on the back burner. As the only nation that has used nuclear weapons in war, and that still possesses one of the largest nuclear weapons arsenals, my bill would help the United States reestablish its moral leadership in the world by redirecting funds that would otherwise go to nuclear weapons to urgent domestic needs.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING SPECIALIST ABIGAIL JENKS FOR HER SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of U.S.

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Army Specialist Abigail Jenks. Specialist Jenks tragically lost her life in an airborne training exercise on Monday, April 19, 2021 at Fort Bragg.

Specialist Jenks was a native of Gansevoort, New York. She graduated from Saratoga Springs High School in 2018 and went on to enlist in the U.S. Army. In June of 2019, Specialist Jenks was assigned as a paratrooper to Fort Bragg, North Carolina. She had previously completed the Basic Airborne Course at Fort Benning, Georgia and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Specialist Jenks was a fire support specialist operating as a forward observer with the brigade's Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division.

Specialist Jenks always knew she wanted to serve her country by enlisting in the Army. As a member of the famed 82nd Airborne Division, she excelled at her role and flourished in the rigorous and demanding environment that serving in our Armed Forces commands. In recognition of her outstanding service, Specialist Jenks was awarded the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, and the Army Parachutist Badge. Now, she will be posthumously awarded the Meritorious Service Medal—a prestigious award only presented to those who distinguish themselves by outstanding meritorious achievement and service to the United States.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Specialist Abigail Jenks' character, bravery, and remarkable dedication to our country, and I ask this House to remember her sacrifice and legacy forever.

CELEBRATING THE CORPUS CHRISTI ARMY DEPOT'S 60TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD), which celebrated its 60th anniversary on April 21, 2021. CCAD is the premier rotary winged helicopter repair and maintenance facility for the United States Army. In the midst of a global pandemic, like a battle-hardened soldier, CCAD remains strong, committed, and dedicated to answering the nation's call and keeping the Army flag flying.

Originally named the U.S. Army Transportation Aeronautical Depot Maintenance Center (ARADMAC), CCAD was established on March 10, 1961, and accepted by the U.S. Army on April 21, 1961. Members of CCAD served abroad on the USNS Corpus Christi Bay—formerly the USS Albemarle—during the Vietnam War as the Army's only floating maintenance depot, saving time, money, and lives during the conflict. The names Huey, Chinook, Black Hawk, and Apache evoke memories, pride, and gratefulness to our veterans, active duty, and retired service members and civilians alike, whether in war or peacetime.

The freedom and the security that citizens of the United States enjoy today are a direct

result of the hard work and continuing commitment of CCAD to the mission given by the U.S. Army. Thousands of military, civilian, and contractor employees have walked the halls, worked in the hangars, turned the wrenches, flown the aircraft and dedicated themselves to the operation that began in 1961. The community leaders and citizens of Corpus Christi, Texas, recognize and appreciate the service of all personnel of the Corpus Christi Army Depot, past and present. We salute this great organizations' unending mission.

I wish the Corpus Christi Army Depot a happy 60th birthday.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FORMER SPEAKER JOE TAITANO SAN AGUSTIN

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker. I rise today to honor the life and legacy of former Speaker Joe Taitano San Agustin. Speaker San Agustin was a devoted public servant, political pioneer, and a true advocate for the people of Guam. Our community will fondly remember him as a compassionate leader who dedicated his entire life to uplifting others and realizing a more prosperous Guam.

When Congress issued legislation in 1968, which provided for the first popular election of the governor and lieutenant governor of Guam, Speaker San Agustin was instrumental in launching Guam's transition into self-governance. He served as the director of administration to both the last appointed and first elected governors of Guam, and by 1976, he was elected to serve as a senator in the 14th Legislature of Guam, where he made strides in economic development and the protection of public finances for two decades. Throughout his ten terms in office, he also served as speaker of the 20th, 21st, and 22nd legislatures, and following his departure from the chamber, his service continued to prove valuable as chairman of the Democratic Party of Guam from 1997 to 2001.

Speaker San Agustin's contributions toward a greater quality of life for the island's residents extended beyond traditional politics, and continue to echo in today's age. Building strongholds for our community, he notably, led twenty government employees in donating to establish the Government of Guam Federal Credit Union in 1962 and went on to serve on the board of directors for the Bank of Guam. He also fought for retirement security as chairman of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund Board and served as the executive director of the Guam Base Reuse and Closure Office.

Speaker San Agustin was an esteemed leader and advocate who dedicated his entire life to public service. His career illustrates a remarkable fidelity to just and meaningful change, and his countless contributions to our systems of governance and historic policy continue to inspire many in our community. Speaker San Agustin served with my grandfather during their time in the legislature, and I am deeply saddened by his passing. My family and I wish to extend our hearts and prayers for him and his family, and I join the

people of Guam in remembering and celebrating his life and legacy of selfless service. Our island has lost an icon, but we know he is happy with Auntie May. He will be deeply missed, and his love and memories will forever remain in the hearts of the people of Guam.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 77TH ANNIVERSARY OF EXERCISE TIGER

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is with a deep and poignant gratitude that I rise today to celebrate the American heroes who lost their lives seventy-seven years ago during Exercise Tiger. Paving the way for the D-Day invasion that would take place on June 6, 1944, Exercise Tiger, while once kept secret, is now regarded as having been both a tragedy and a critically instructive component of the Allies' mission to end World War II. The lives lost on that fateful day were honored by the soldiers who learned from Exercise Tiger and carried their memory into battle during the liberation of France. It is a story we must never allow ourselves to forget.

Before the assembled British, Canadian, and American forces could carry out the D-Day invasion, 4,000 soldiers conducted a massive simulated landing to rehearse and prepare for that immeasurably vital military act. However, what started as a military exercise ended as one of the greatest military tragedies of World War II. The calm, dark night of April 28, 1944, burst into chaos and combat when German U-boats ambushed the Tank Landing Ships (LSTs) transporting American soldiers. Almost 750 American servicemen, including over 200 Missourians, would give their last full measure of devotion when their vessels were either destroyed or severely damaged. But Allied forces would not be deterred, as the brave soldiers on those vessels banded together to repel enemy attacks and move forward with their mission. Even in the face of immense loss, a well-equipped enemy force, and little help from nearby Allied forces, the tenacity and determination of the soldiers and sailors involved ensured that the landing operations would continue mere hours after the initial attack. Allied Commanders planning the eventual D-Day invasion learned from Exercise Tiger and incorporated new strategies to ensure soldiers would be protected from barrage before landing on the beach. Without the bravery of the forces that fought that day, it is possible that even more American, Canadian, and British lives would have been lost on D-Day, and that the invasion of France, which hinged on secrecy, speed, and synchronicity, would have failed. It is not hyperbole to say that the soldiers and sailors of Exercise Tiger changed the course of world history and that we are forever indebted to their sacrifice.

It is a time-honored tradition in the United States for us to gather and celebrate the heroism and sacrifices of the countless fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, and children who have died to protect our nation from foreign and domestic threats. On the last Monday of May, thousands congregate to quietly observe and remember the names found on marble